

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

Chairman: Mr. Jack H. Schurlknight, Council Member District No. 6

A **meeting** of the **Committee on Finance**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, was held on Monday, **March 28, 2011**, in the Assembly Room of the Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 6:16 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Jack H. Schurlknight, Council District No. 6; Committee Member Robert O. Call, Jr., Council District No. 3; Committee Member Cathy S. Davis, Council District No. 4; Committee Member Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council District No. 7; Committee Member Steve C. Davis, Council District No. 8; ex-officios Mr. Daniel W. Davis, County Supervisor, Mr. Phillip Farley, Council District No. 1, Mr. Timothy J. Callanan, Council District No. 2, and Mr. Dennis Fish, Council District No. 5; Ms. Nicole Scott Ewing, County Attorney; and Ms. Barbara B. Austin, Clerk of County Council.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the electronic and print media were duly notified.

Chairman Schurlknight: "Before we get started, I would like to recognize the members of Ms. Austell's Government Class from Berkeley High School. They are in here tonight for extra credit in taking part in their local government. So, if the students would stand, and let everybody look at ya."

[Applause]

Chairman Schurlknight: "And feel free after the meeting, if ya'll like to, come around and talk to the Council Members. Feel free to do that; you are more than welcome."

Chairman Schurlknight called the meeting to order. Committee Member Pinckney led in the Invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Schurlknight: "Our first item on the agenda tonight is approval of minutes from February 28, 2011."

It was moved by Committee Member Steve Davis and seconded by Committee Member Pinckney to **approve** the minutes as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – none

A. Ms. Leonitta Turner, Human Resources Director, Re:

1. Berkeley County Government Medical Service Provider

Chairman Schurlknight: “This is, this is for information only, isn’t it? We don’t need to take any action on it tonight if I read it correctly.”

Ms. Ewing: “She is asking for action. This is for the Industrial Medical Center Contract. Two years ago, Council awarded the contract to Dr. Schaefer in the Industrial Medical Center, and Council had asked that HR come back every year to kind of give an update, and Ms. Turner has provided an update in the staff summary for the Finance Committee. She is recommending that we go ahead and retain the Industrial Medical Center. I believe she stepped into the room.”

Chairman Schurlknight: “Yes; there she is.”

Ms. Turner: “I was in a committee meeting.”

Chairman Schurlknight: “Exactly; I know ya’ll ran a little late in there; welcome.”

Ms. Turner: “Thank you; but Dr. Schaefer has been working for us and doing a very efficient job, and we have given you his scores. He has been doing what we’ve asked him to do. He has been working with us favorably, so we do want to renew his contract again this year, and this will be the second – we will be going into the beginning of the third year on the new contract as of July 1st.”

Chairman Schurlknight: “Ms. Turner, I was looking at the documentation with it, and it looks like there’s some pretty quick wait times, having to wait to see him and all of that went real well as far as getting them in pretty quick and getting out.”

Ms. Turner: “Yes; the only time people generally may have to wait is if we’re doing random drug testing, but then we are presenting to him 85 employees in a small window of time.”

Chairman Schurlknight: “Does he do that, the drug testing, on site or is it in his office?”

Ms. Turner: "It is done on site, and then the results are sent off lab and then returned back to him. So, it is being confirmed by someone else."

Chairman Schurlknight: "Have you gotten any feedback from the employees about using him, you know?"

Ms. Turner: "The employees' greatest concern is that he gets them back quicker and that he really works on getting them strengthened. A lot of times, employees may want to stay out longer, but he makes sure that we have the information that we need. And, if an employee believes that they need to stay out longer, he will let us get a second opinion, and generally, the employees come back very quickly. We will put them on light duty if we might need to, but our goal is to get employees working again."

Chairman Schurlknight: "Good; I also notice you have shared for information only. Would you like for us to take action with this tonight, move it on to Council?"

Ms. Turner: Yes; we would like Council to allow us to continue him for another year."

It was moved by Committee Member Steve Davis and seconded by Committee Member Pinckney to continue with a contract between Berkeley County and Dr. Schaefer in the Industrial Medical Center as the medical service provider for Berkeley County.

Chairman Schurlknight: "Are there any other discussion?"

Committee Member Steve Davis: "I just wanted to add that I was the one to move, in fact, to say that we wanted to kind of monitor along, and I looked at it. There was no new cost associated. I saw that everyone is kind of content with the service, and I think that Dr. Schaefer really enjoys this area of practice. I think he really does. He has a passion for it. I just wanted to share that."

Chairman Schurlknight: "Good; any other discussion."

There was no further discussion.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

2. National County Government Month

Ms. Turner: "Next month is the National Association of Counties Government Month, and they are actually gonna be celebrating Veterans, and what I would like County Council to do is to approve a proclamation, which has been given to you to honor those Veterans. And, we will be doing a lot this month to also recognize and show our appreciation for those who have served our country.

It was moved by Committee Member Steve Davis and seconded by Committee Member Pinckney to approve the proclamation declaring April 2011 to be National County Government Month. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

B. Review prior to **Second Reading** of **Bill No. 11-03**, an **ordinance** authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee agreement between Berkeley County, South Carolina, and **New Breed Logistics of South Carolina, LLC**, and matters relating thereto.

It was moved by Committee Member Steve Davis and seconded by Committee Member Call to **approve** review, prior to **Second Reading**, of **Bill No. 11-03**. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

C. Consideration of a **resolution** authorizing the **conversion** of a **lease agreement**, pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 12, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, to a fee agreement, pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended; the entering into of certain agreements, including the aforesaid fee agreements; and other matters related thereto. (*Quoizel*)

It was moved by Committee Member Steve Davis and seconded by Committee Member Call to **approve** consideration of a **resolution** authorizing conversion of a lease agreement to a fee agreement. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

D. Consideration of a **resolution** consenting to the assignment of that certain fee agreement between Berkeley County, South Carolina, and **American Synthetics, LP**, dated as of December 22, 2009; and other matters related thereto. (*Hood Packaging*)

It was moved by Committee Member Steve Davis and seconded by Committee Member Call to **approve** consideration of a **resolution** consenting to the assignment of a fee agreement between Berkeley County and American Synthetics, LP.

Chairman Schurlknight: "Do we have any discussion?"

Mr. Farley: "Mr. Chairman?"

Chairman Schurlknight: "Yes."

Mr. Farley: "What is this in regards to?"

Chairman Schurlknight: "Gene?"

Mr. Gene Butler, Economic Development Director: “Good evening, Mr. Chairman, Members of Council. What the resolution pertains to is American Synthetics is a company located, I think, back in 2009, and they are being purchased by or have been purchased by Hood Packaging, and they’re asking that they transfer the same deal to the new company. And, they have maintained everything that...”

Mr. Farley: “Ok.”

Mr. Butler: “...American Synthetics has agreed to. And, I think the company will continue for now under the same name, American Synthetics.”

Mr. Farley: “Ok; thank you.”

Chairman Schurlknight: “Thank you. Any other questions of Gene?”

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

It was moved by Committee Member Steve Davis and seconded by Committee Member Pinckney to **adjourn** the meeting of the Committee on Finance. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

April 25, 2011
Date Approved